



OA REGION 5 TREASURER
Post Office Box 1087
Lombard, IL 60148

October, 2020

Dear Region 5 Fellowship,

I am looking forward to our Fall Assembly. I wish we could be together. I need a hug! At least we are able to see each other on Zoom.

Thankfully our bank account has not suffered due to this Pandemic. As of September 30, we had \$43,587.97 in our operating account and \$13,712.11 in our savings account. We have not incurred as much in expenses as we thought due to the cancellation of many activities. By now, you should have all received your Convention refunds. I apologize for the delay some of you experienced. We now have a new option to make online contributions. Here is the link. <https://Region5oa.regfox.com/region-5-7th-tradition-campaign>

For January through September 30 this year, we received \$21,384.18 from meeting and individual contributions compared to \$19,539.60 for the same period in 2019. I continue to receive contributions both by mail and through our 7th Tradition online capability. Please let your Groups know how important and appreciated their contributions are. I am so proud of how we have all pulled together to keep OA alive and well. For 2020, our budget amount for contributions is \$26,000 meaning we will fall only slightly short of our budgeted amount.

As you can see in the Contributions Report, I get checks and do not know what Groups they are for. When I am unable to match a meeting, it goes under the Unknown section for each state. If you do not know your group's number, please look it up on the OA.org website in the Find a Meeting section.

The Post Office Box will change in November after our new Treasurer takes over in the position. Please watch for that information and let your groups know as well. Watch for a new contribution form on the Region 5 website under the forms section. <https://region5oa.org/forms-resources/>

Please consider volunteering for the finance committee. To be on the committee, you don't need to know a thing about accounting. As a matter of fact, it is beneficial for us to not have a bunch of accountants on the committee so that we are sure the Financial Statements we provide make sense to our Reps. I encourage the Finance Committee to review our accounts throughout the year. Everything is stored online.

This is my last Assembly as your Region 5 Treasurer. It has been an unbelievably gratifying experience. I appreciate all your kind notes, pictures, and cards you sent with your checks. You are an amazing fellowship and have made my life so rewarding. I have had the privilege of working with a terrific Board and I love them all. I have never worked with a more dedicated group of people and will miss them terribly. I am struggling to envision life after Region 5. I look forward to seeing everyone at future events. I sincerely love you all.

Please let us know if you have questions. We want you to understand how we use the money you entrust to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerri M
Region 5 Treasurer